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"He believed we were the future. He said we were the foundation for the essence of this country and that if we were to succeed now, Libya will also succeed." Abdullah Gaair, a former Libyan student of Smith's

American teacher shot dead in Benghazi

- American chemistry teacher Ronald Thomas Smith was killed in a drive by shooting while jogging Thursday morning. He taught at Benghazi International School and was well liked by both students and teachers. An investigation will be launched to find out who is behind this and why.
- It is not shocking that Libya, more specifically Benghazi, is unsafe for foreigners. In 2011 the American embassy was attacked and since then many other foreign embassies have been targeted.

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/05/american-teacher-shot-dead-in-benghazi/>

<http://www.tripolipost.com/articledetail.asp?c=1&i=10838>

UPDATE: Two more security murders in Benghazi

- In addition to the American school teacher who was killed Thursday, four other political-related murders have occurred. Benghazi continues to be a volatile city where bombings and shootings are common place.

<http://www.tripolipost.com/articledetail.asp?c=1&i=10818>

Libyan assembly votes to follow Islamic law

- The Libyan General National Council has voted to follow Islamic Law. Although the impact of this decision is unknown, a committee has been formed to review existing laws and make sure they comply with Sharia Law.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/04/us-libya-law-idUSBRE9B30J420131204>

Outages in Tripoli as minorities block power output

- Two minority groups in the southern region, Amazigh (Berbers) and Tibu, have stopped gas supplies to Tripoli or blockaded access to some power plants. They are demanding that their language and cultural rights be guaranteed in the new constitution. The government has little control over key sectors of the state, and tribes or armed groups often seize control of roadways or energy plants.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/02/libya-power-idUSL5N0JH47D20131202>

<http://www.libyaherald.com/2013/12/04/breaking-news-amazigh-agree-to-end-pipeline-blockade/#axzz2mnOZIlwD>